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EO 11652: CGDS-1
TAGS: MPOL, PINS BB
SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOB

REF A) BRIDGETOWN 2327 B) 2372 (NOTAL)

1. REF (B) REPORTED THE PART OF THE CONVERSATION OF DECEMBER 2 BETWEEN PRIME MINSTER J M G TOM ADAMS AND MYSELF THAT DEALT WITH THE ON-GOING JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO CUBANA CRASH. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES THE PART DEALING WITH THE ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GOB.

2. ADAMS RECALLED MY CONVERSATION OF NOVEMBER 29 WITH MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HENRY FORDE AND OBSERVED THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER WAS TAKING LONGER THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOB WAS INCREASINGLY BEING CRITICIZED FOR HAVING RELEASED ROBERT VIRGA AND GINO CAPPADORO. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOB MIGHT BE FORCED TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT VIRGA AND CAPPADOR HAD BEEN RELEASED IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY WOULD BE
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PROSECUTED IN THE US FOR VIOLATION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT. IF IT

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SHOULD DO SO, HE HOPED THE USG WOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO
ISSUE A DENIAL THAT SUCH PROSECUTION WAS A POSSIBILITY.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF HIS CONCERN
BUT COULD NOT, OF COURSE, MAKE ANY COMMITMENT IN THIS REGARD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE ADAMS MERELY EXPRESSED A HOPE THAT
WE WOULD REMAIN SILENT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO
REPLY TO HIM -- OR, INDEED, DESIRABLE TO DO SO, SINCE PRESUMABLY
WE COULD NOT COMMIT OURSELVES NOT COMMENT SHOULD HE SAY
WHAT WE KNOW TO BE UNTRUE. ANY GUIDANCE STATE AND/OR JUSTICE
MAY WISH TO PROVIDE IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED,
HOWEVER. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED BY JUSTICE OF
ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED SINCE THAT TRANSMITTED
IN CARACAS (12962) AND THAT CUOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE
POLICE HERE.
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